REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas (Hot Coffee Modification)
Other Known Title:	GTA 4: San Andreas
Format:	Computer Game
Director/Author:	Not Stated
Producer/Publisher:	Not Stated
Country of Origin:	UK
Language:	English
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
Descriptive Note:	Contains violence, offensive language and sex scenes.
Display Conditions:	on film When the film is in its inactive state: Nil. When the film is in its active state: The film must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises). on poster Nil
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Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
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	Components	Running time
Menu:		
Feature:		
Other timed components:		
Total running time:		

Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication entitled *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas (Hot Coffee Modification)* is classified as: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification is because of the publication's treatment of matters of sex, crime, cruelty and violence.

Following the internet release of a computer software patch that changes aspects of gameplay relating to a previously classified publication (see written decision for OFLC No. 401627), the Chief Censor directed the Secretary of Internal Affairs, under s13(3) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), to obtain and submit a copy of the publication to the Office of Film and Literature Classification (Classification Office) under s13(1)(b).

The game is a third person action/crime story set in the fictional state of San Andreas. The player is in control of a young African American man, CJ, who returns home to Los Santos after his mother is killed. CJ sets about reclaiming the streets through strengthening his gang, the Orange Grove Families, and saving his friends and family from their own problems.

The current publication is identical to the previously examined publication in all but one respect. The current version has the Hot Coffee Modification patch installed. This patch unlocks all six of CJ's potential girlfriends, including those areas of the San Andreas map where the girlfriends live. The patch also puts CJ at the stage in a relationship with the girlfriends that they will invite him into their houses for sex following a successful date.

The sexual activity that the Hot Coffee patch unlocks is simulated, not depicted, and is in the context of a consensual and adult relationship. However, the inclusion of sexual matters in the game, while at a low to moderate level, does tend to reinforce that the game is adult in nature.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the Bill of Rights on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that deal with matters of sex, crime, cruelty and violence in a manner that is likely to be injurious to the public good.